

Schools without buildings

†*277. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary schools and middle schools running in tents and under trees;

(b) whether it is possible to get education in the summer, winter and rainy season in such conditions;

(c) whether this is also a reason for decrease in the number of students in schools;

(d) what should be the maximum distance between two primary schools;

(e) whether this rule is being followed; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government to provide permanent buildings and basic amenities to primary and middle schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Only 1714 primary and 442 Upper Primary schools were running in tents as per data available upto 30.9.2005, which is 0.23% and 0.22% of the total primary and upper primary schools. The number of students at the Primary and Upper primary stage has been increasing over the years.

(d) to (f) The norm of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for setting up of a primary school within 1 km of every habitation wherein coverage is incrementally addressed through district based Annual Work Plans and Budgets, under the programme. 1,81,484 school buildings, 6,87,639 additional classrooms, 168202 drinking water facilities and 227705 toilets have been sanctioned so far under the SSA to improve school infrastructure.

Grants for Flour Mills and Rice Mills in J&K

*278. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have any proposal under the consideration to

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restart the grant-in-aid for flour mills and rice mills particularly to Jammu and Kashmir as it is a militancy affected State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of grant given to Jammu and Kashmir during the years 2002-06, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (d) A Technical Committee has been constituted to review and make its recommendations on benchmarks for latest and most efficient technology and processes and identification of minimum conditions to be laid down for assistance of rice mills and flour mills sectors. The Committee has submitted its report which has been accepted by the Ministry. These are being incorporated in the guidelines for the financial institutions for providing assistance keeping in view the value addition, technological benchmarks and reduction of wastages.

The financial assistance provided to the rice milling, flour milling and pulse milling units in Jammu & Kashmir during the year 2002—06 is mentioned below:—

Sl. No.	Year	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	2002-2003	Nil
2.	2003-2004	9.670
3.	2004-2005	37.985
4.	2005-2006	41.595
TOTAL:		89.250

Renovation of Barauni and Kanti Thermal Power Stations

†*279. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to renovate the Barauni and Kanti Thermal Power Stations;

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